



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
CITY OF DURHAM

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF DURHAM**

Sec. 1. As Mayor of the City of Durham, I hereby find and declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Durham (the "City").

Sec. 2. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the City Code and Chapter 166A of the N.C. General Statutes, the prohibitions and restrictions specified in this Declaration are in effect during the state of emergency.

Sec. 3. The prohibitions and restrictions in this Declaration apply to the following emergency are: (check one)

☐ The area within the City's corporate limits

☐ The area within the City's corporate limits and all property and rights-of-way belonging to the City and located outside its corporate limits

☒ The following area(s):

**It is prohibited for a group of 100 or more persons to be located in, or congregate indoors within, any room located in a facility that is City owned or co-owned with the County of Durham. Such rooms include audience seating in areas in the Durham Performing Arts Center, the Carolina Theater and the Durham Arts Council; and the convention meeting rooms in the City-County Convention Center.**

Sec. 4. (a) Restricted areas.

No person shall access or attempt to obtain access to designated public areas in violation of any order, clearly posted notice, or barricade indicating that access is denied or restricted, provided that the areas to which access is denied or restricted shall have been designated by the Chief of Police (in this Declaration, Chief of Police includes the Chief's designee). All persons shall evacuate such designated public areas. All persons shall comply with the routes, modes of transportation, and destinations in connection with evacuation as prescribed by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is empowered to designate such areas, routes, modes, and destinations if it is reasonably necessary to address the emergency.

(b) Exempted persons. Because exempting certain classes of persons from restrictions imposed by this Declaration will benefit the public safety, health, and welfare, the following are exempt from this Declaration while they are acting within the scope of their official duties or employment or are acting under the direction of emergency management workers (defined by G.S. 166A-199.60(e)):

The following are exempt from subsection (a) (Restricted area): firefighters; law enforcement personnel; EMS personnel; medical doctors; nurses; health care workers; military personnel; newspaper, radio, or television personnel; employees of public utilities, Durham Regional Hospital, Duke University Medical Center, or Lincoln Community Health Center; emergency management personnel (including emergency management workers); and persons assigned by the Mayor, the City Manager of the City, the County Manager of the county where the activity in question takes place, the State of North Carolina, or the United States to respond to the emergency.

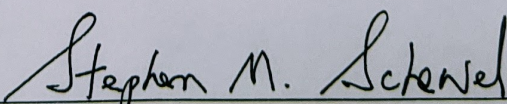
Sec. 5. The state of emergency and the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this declaration shall expire at 12 PM o'clock on March 28, 2020, if not otherwise terminated.

(include AM or PM)

Sec. 6. A copy of this Declaration shall be provided to the City's Clerk. Reports of the substance of its prohibitions and restrictions shall be sent immediately to the mass communications media serving the City. As soon as practicable, the full text of this Declaration shall be distributed to the mass communications media serving the City.

Sec. 7. This document is signed when the undersigned is within the corporate limits of the City.

Signed at this date and time: March 13, 20 20, at 5:00 PM o'clock.  
(included AM or PM)

  
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Mayor of the City of Durham